development, on farm water management, small and medium industries, information technology, education and health services.

Economic package for Bihar

2322. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared a economic package for growth and development of Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when it is likely to be prepared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) Yes. Sir. The High Level Committee on Development and Reform Facility (Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana) in its meeting held on 28th August 2002 approved in principle the Special Plan for Bihar which included improvement in availability of electricity in Bihar by strengthening the Sub-transmission system, improving rural connectivity, harnessing of ground water resources, watershed development, horticulture, dairy development, etc.

Sasan Canal System

2323. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for investment clearance of the project "Improvement to Sasan Canal System" in Sambalpur district of Orissa, is pending with the Planning Commission;

(b) whether the project, which involves modernisation etc., has been cleared at the 74th TAC held on the 20th September, 2000, at an estimated cost of Rs. 34.92 crores; and

(c) if so, the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The project "Improvement to Sason Canal System (excluding Paramanpur Distributary) of Hirakud

Distribution System" in Sambalpur district of Orissa envisaging annual irrigation to 26051 hectare has already been accorded investment clearance by the Planning Commission on 29/7/2002 for Rs. 34.92 crore.

Package for KBK region of Orissa

2324. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount earmarked for Special Reform linlted Development Package for poverty stricken KBK region of Orissa, recently announced by Government;

(b) whether first phase amount has been given to the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof, indicating the development projects to be executed; and

(d) by when the next instalments would be disbursed and the projects to be executed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING {SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) The Special Plan for the KBK districts of Orissa for the year 2002-03 comprises of schemes relating to Drought Proofing, Livelihood Support for Disadvantaged Groups, Health, Rural Connectivity and Construction of Residential Clusters. A sum of Rs. 100 crore has been allocated under the Development and Reform Facility (Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana). First Instalment of Special Central Assistance of Rs. 50 crore has already been released to the State Government. Further release of funds would depend on factors such as progress of schemes, submission of progress reports, etc.

Debt position of Orissa

2325. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Orissa State is a revenue